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Children Learning Village to grow into Montessori

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

July 1 is the target opening day for the Children's Learning Village Montessori, across the street from the Ho-Chunk Health Care Clinic in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. At the Founding Meeting held on June 6, meeting attendees were introduced to the newly installed director, Lee Ann Mortenson, who comes with twenty-five years of experience. Mortenson said, "I have experience in both family and group day care setting, which has given me many learning opportunities that I feel will provide a lot of ideas and information needed to help get everything in place at CLVM."

Children's Learning Village Montessori has been several years in the making. The building was funded by a HUD grant and the Ho-Chunk Nation that was sought after by HHCDA and Black River Falls area tribal members. Michelle Greendeer-Rave, who has worked in the Ho-Chunk Nation's Justice Department for fourteen years and a mother of six children, was

one of the first Board of Directors of the CLVM to plan and prepare to bring the area a Montessori choice. Greendeer-Rave said, "For those parents who have tried to get infant care in the area, you know there's at least twenty some parents ahead of you on a waiting list. That's why I'm thrilled to see this dream become a reality."

Mortenson said, "We are going to shoot for a Montessori aspect. To be fully Montessori is very expensive. So we will be as 'Montessori' as recommended for new facility. Black River Falls is not a typical area for Montessori." Mortenson just finished a three day Montessori training where she gained more insight into Montessori style learning. She said, "My impression of Montessori is that the teachers don't teach, but demonstrate and observe the children. Teachers show the kids activities and the kids either take interest or not." The American Montessori Society website describes Montessori style learning by saying, "the child as one who is naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in a supportive, thoughtfully prepared learning environment. It is an approach that values the human spirit and the development of the whole child—physical, social, emotional, cognitive."

Greendeer-Rave also explained, "As a Montessori, we don't want to say we are a day care. Terms like school or academy should be used in our name to show we are committed to learning. Kids here will receive accelerated learning and be pushed to their individual limits."

The Founding Meeting included Board Member nominations, Board elections, and adoption of the Articles of Incorporation



Michelle Greendeer-Rave-CLVM Board of Directors, Lee Ann Mortenson-newly hired Director of the CLVM, and Allyson Schmitz-Grants Assistant at HHCDA unveil the Children's Learning Village Montessori at the Founding Meeting.

and Bylaws. Greendeer-Rave is the Pro Bono Attorney for the board and explained, "We have been writing and editing the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws all along as we've been planning for this place to open. We wrote them with the thought that this place existed when we were planning it."

Mortenson believes the Children's Learning Village Montessori will be a great addition to the Ho-Chunk and Black River Falls communities. She said, "It will provide quality care that is not offered at other child care centers in the area. It'll provide infant care, and sick care, the Ho-Chunk language, and Montessori instruction will also be offered. The community should know that HHCDA will soon be out of the picture as the CLVM become a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, where the Board will be totally in charge. Right now the focus is to coordinate all the start-up issues and

activities. I am confident that we can meet this (July 1) deadline. Together with the Board, We will be successful by hiring quality staff that is committed to children and the Montessori philosophy. We are looking to hire teachers, teacher aides, and a cook. We have to insure our instruction and methods are consistent and well monitored."

The Children's Learning Village Montessori will be looking for a new name, possibly in the Ho-Chunk language. They will also be following the Wisconsin Codes, until the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature adopts or create a Child Care Code. This will enable them to seek and receive certain benefits for lunch and other school area needs. CLVM will also be seeking IRS Section 7871 tax status for additional benefits, such as receiving tax deductible gifts and donations.

In closing, Mortenson said, "It's most exciting to help develop a program that will provide immen-

educational benefits to Ho-Chunk children, including learning habits that will nurture them and stay with them for life."



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To the Ho-Chunk People... FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The season upon us brings sunny, warm weather and also a great sense of accomplishment for all the students, young and old alike. The graduation celebrations and acknowledgments are popping up across Ho-Chunk Country and we are all happy and proud of the work each student has put into themselves to further their education.

Although I'm not a formal student, I was asked to provide the Commencement Address for UW-Baraboo Sauk County on May 19, 2012. Having graduated from a 2-year UW

campus, then later a 4-year, I really felt a connection with the students who I'm sure had their share of struggles getting to that point.

I know many Ho-Chunk tribal members have walked the halls of that campus so I was honored to play a small role in such a significant part of their lives. Congratulations to all those who are moving on to their next chapter.

I also visited the Chicago area meeting and confirmed that although this branch office is farthest away than the rest, the members there are very engaged in tribal

operations. I'm thankful to the district Legislators for allowing me to join them and I will continue making efforts of getting out to all areas and listening to concerns first hand.

I'll keep this message brief for now but know that your office is in full gear to provide each member our best. Haizo

In the service of the People,
Maasusga
Jon Greendeer
President of the
Ho-Chunk Nation



President Jon Greendeer

Letter to the Editor...

I don't know who to write or address exactly, so I'm gonna write my ideas and a brief dialogue of personal life experiences as to where my ideas and suggestions generate from. My intentions are solely to help our future generations. I cannot give a whole lot but to have some courage to step forth and voice my opinions. I'd like to ask my Elders for permission to speak freely.

Our people are losing the teachings of our ancestors. Our language and cultural is dying out. I believe that the elders along with other members of our nation that hold important positions need to be held responsible in order for our history as an honorable nation to continue and grow back into the men and women that our ancestors were, as well as wanted us to be.

With society today our people are spiritually and mentally polluted with greed and selfishness. The ways of the white man, this is exactly what the government wanted for us as a whole nation across this country.

I was writing my daughter about how our people back in the day never even knew how to be selfish. Everything that a warrior did was for the people. Everything that women did, nothing was for herself. The only time a woman did not work on anything was during her monthly. That was the only time she did not do anything for anyone else and the reason that was, was so she would not hurt anyone on accident as woman are very

powerful at that time. So it wasn't that she didn't want to, she was not allowed too. As I was explaining this to my daughter I was trying to think if there was even a word in our language for selfish. I know that we don't have swear words or words to say we are sorry and I couldn't even remember my grandparents talking about a word for someone to be described as selfish. Maybe there is, I don't know. But I thought to myself, that selfish isn't a part of our cultural, I don't think it even was.

I kinda grew up experiencing not so pleasant experiences, stemming from what the government has done to our people. I know my story is not unique or even a small fraction of what the generations before me endured. Anyone who knows of me and my history, I was by far a model citizen. In fact I was a perfect poster child with a big finger pointed at me saying "this is how no to be". Well my mother did all she could to help me, and I thank her greatly, and Happy Mother's Day! by the way. She sent me to all kinds of psych wards and treatment centers to help my mind. I was confused for almost my entire life because I was taught as a youngster not to be selfish. Well in all these places I ever went to the thing they teach you is, that you have to come first. You can't take care of anyone else until you take care of you first. Ho-Chunk Nation has spent thousands on top of thousands on my mind to get better and to be alcohol and drug free. My appreciation is so great for what the HCN has done for me and my children. There is nothing on this earth that I could give to show my thanks. I have nothing to give back but to tap into my courage and express my ideas and suggestions.

What it all boils down to I found out is spirituality. All the money in the world cannot fix alcoholics and drug addicts or what some of us are called the mentally ill.

Natives are known worldwide for their spirituality. People everywhere are fascinated with us. Even in the US of A people are so fascinated with us that everyone in the US are native regardless of

the color of their skin, ask them yourselves. People in general are so lost and just want to be someone. They put all kinds of metal in their teeth, wear thousand dollar pants, drive expensive cars and wear all kinds of jewelry. To be someone natives can stand almost naked with an old rugged breech cloth and a dress sewn together with sinew and the whole world wants to be like us.

Material things were never important to us. What were important to us was doing whatever we could for someone else. The things we admired in someone was how they gave, and what person would sacrifice for their people and loved ones. We never gave to get something back. We gave to show our love for one another. We gave to show our appreciation and sacrifice. We sacrifice what we have to help someone in need. Even if it meant we'd go without. Us going without wasn't important. What was important was that the person in need was taken care of. I was taught to help whenever someone needed it because somewhere down the road I'm going to need it and the Creator will make sure I get helped because I helped when someone needed it.

So I want to say even all the money spent on my head and emotions I have to say I disagree with take care of myself before anyone else. That's not where I see true blessings. When I was out in the world, I had no mean, I felt I had nothing to live for, myself wasn't fulfilling in any aspect but to feel lost. However when I finally learned to put our Creator first and then my loved

ones and to let myself die spiritually and all my selfish thoughts and things I wanted, I found peace and love in my heart and mind. Today I am truly blessed in every way. I want this peace, joy and happiness for all my people, this is what my ancestors prayed for. So my writing this and expressing myself is the only way I know to give to my people, yes, I'm afraid but I will feel worse down the road in life if I didn't try to help.

Here is the suggestions I'd like to share with you, they may be drastic but I feel drastic measures need to be taken to keep our culture alive.

• Minors in foster care to have trust distribution at a more mature age. Not at 18. Also to graduate extensive culture and language classes – I think the culture and language should be mandatory as well as for all 18 yr old high school graduates

• Anyone that gets charged with alcohol and drug related crimes – keyword charged not just convicted, have their per cap distributions frozen and put into a trust for the person charged – until they complete culture and language. Any expenses can be paid to a vendor by voucher applied to a board or person to oversee those accounts.

• Any referrals from Social Services, Courts, Clan Mothers and Traditional Court

I believe that HCN Legislation and Business Committee and our Elders, had the power to get us per cap payments they should also have the power to take it away. So I mean no disrespect in asking to hold our elders and people in respective positions to be held accountable. My inten-

tions is to have a stronger future generation, rich in culture.

I agree a lot of us are adults and can decide to choose to live their lives the way they want, but some of more fortunate ones in our nation fail to see that others are so broken in spirit that they cannot see past the temporary numbing in alcohol and drugs. We cannot judge another until we walk a mile in his moccasins – isn't that a famous native saying?

Submitted by
Buffy Decorah-Garvin

P.S. I enjoy reading about our history and all the positive things our nation is building for a healthier, stronger future generation. I would like to say thank you to Helen Miner for her courage to speak out to us lost ones and I would like to tell Roberta Decorah Pinagigi for being persistent all these years to have a healing center; I am behind you rooting for you. It's your courage that is going to help our future. I appreciate all the efforts to help our people.

Even though I disagree with society's "selfishness" in all those alcohol and drug programs however, I always learned something important and beneficial. So it wasn't all a waste. Miraculously I am still here on this earth and the things I have learned through ALL THOSE times in treatment have taught me how to communicate to my children in healthy ways. So thank you to Terri Littlewolf for ever judging me.

I cannot say I won't ever drink again just like now I don't have to numb anything, I thank the Creator for that.



CORRECTION:

In Issue 10, Page 8, 1st pic on far left, it reads: "Captain Kirk Hopinkah...", it should read Colonel Kirk Hopinka.



-- LAST CHANCE --

Let the Hocak Worak help celebrate your achievements. Send us your pictures!! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, send in a picture with your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors.



With so much uncertainty in the world, a heartfelt congratulation is due to all those that have made the countless sacrifices necessary to graduate. And for those that feel their efforts are unproductive, DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT!

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-athletic permit card for sports physicals
Please remember that the parent or guardian needs to be present for these appointments.

Monthly Board Meeting

For

Ho-Chunk Housing and
Community Development Agency (HUD)

Thursday, June 28, 2012 • 6:00 PM

HHCDA at Tomah,
corner of Monowau St. & Sime Ave.

Agenda items by noon, June 21, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222

HHCDA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222 Fax: (608) 374-1251

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Questions Call Louise Voss at 284-9851

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Highway improvement leads to improved relations

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

The laughs and smiles just kept rolling as the Jackson County Board, Wisconsin Highway Commission and officials from the Ho-Chunk Nation celebrated an unusual partnership. On June 1, 2012, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the opening of Hwy K, near Kremensky.

"You never know how these projects get started," said Dennis Eberhardt. "I remember when Douglas Greengrass just asked a simple question while I

was attending a meeting at the Executive Building. He wanted to know how we could improve HWY K. Now look at us here today."

Brett Blackdeer introduced Highway Commissioner, Randy Anderson and HCN Vice President, Greg Blackdeer to provide speeches for the event. Anderson talked about the suitable weather conditions to compete this project before Memorial Day. "If you would have told me this project would get done by this date, I would have doubted you. We had

this slated to be completed by Labor Day. It was just great weather for (both) the construction workers and the pavement company," he explained.

Greg Blackdeer mentioned how many tribal members use HWY K to get back and forth to work and how that benefit will help both the Ho-Chunk Nation and Jackson County. "Now I'll be able to speed through this part no problem," he looked up at Jackson County Sheriff Duane Waldera and smiled. Duane laughed back. "Actually, this



Brett Blackdeer starts off the HWY K Ribbon Cutting with good jokes and introduces Randy Anderson, Wisconsin State Highway Commissioner, for a summary of the HWY K project.



Greg "Big Scissors" Blackdeer poses proudly to cut HWY K Ribbon while Greg Littlejohn doesn't want his only tie cut in half.

project was set up to make the road safer for our motoring public. We have accomplished that feat in collaboration."

The whole project cost \$2.4 Million dollars with \$2 Million of that coming from BIA Roads. The project had some stumbling blocks in the beginning, two years ago,

with a wetland designation and DNR needing to turn over some land. The improvement sees the Ranger Station gone, the S curves eliminated, and lots of trees clear cut. The main danger were the S curves of 25 and 35 m.p.h., which now can be driven at 55 m.p.h.

Veterans Board working hard on Veterans Home Ownership

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

At their regular monthly meeting, the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee is putting the finishing touches on the Veterans Home Ownership Program policy. On June 6, the Committee held a meeting to go over the policy again. Soon they will present it to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature for approval. The Veterans Home Ownership Program was created at last year's General Council meeting and is moving along nicely, a sign that General Council meetings are becoming more productive.

Members of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee are: Dominic Bell, Andrew Thundercloud, Dallas Whitewing, and Ronald Anwash. The committee advises the Tribal Veterans Service Officer, Sandra Winnesiek, on various issues of services offered by the Veterans Affairs Office. Winnesiek said, "They've (the committee) been focusing all their time on getting the Veterans Home Ownership Program up and running. They'll have another meeting on June 20, and that should be it." Like other committee meetings, their meetings are open to the public.

Others present at the meeting were Dr. Jeremy Rockman, Robert TwoBears,

Errol Whitewing, Sheila Stout, and Lois Behrens. Dr. Rockman was tasked to revise and edit the policy. He said, "The document started out being thirty-six pages long, I edited and edited. Finally, I decided to start a new version and trimmed it down to thirteen pages." TwoBears was on hand to present information on the location and allocation of Veterans Home Ownership Program monies. According to the General Council Resolution (9-17-2011) [6], four million dollars would be dedicated by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to fund the program. Once the policy has been approved by the Legislature, the funds would become available in a restricted account. TwoBears said, "The account would be turned over to the Heritage Preservation Department, where the Division of Veterans Affairs now falls under." The Veterans Affairs Office started out under the Heritage Preservation Department, moved under the Administration Department, and is back under Heritage Preservation.

Lois Behrens brought an issue close to her heart to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee regarding flag poles issues at the Memorial Day Powwow. Behrens, the daughter of Gilman and Virginia Lincoln, said, "I was assigned a flag pole, but



Front: Dallas Whitewing, presented the Veterans Home Ownership Program at the 2011 General Council. Back Row: Dr. Jeremy Rockman, Ron Anwash, Andy Thundercloud, Dominic Bell, Errol Whitewing work to solidify the VHOP.

someone took over on my assigned flag pole to raise my father's flag. There is no system to ensure flag pole assignments. I signed up for a flag pole on Saturday, but who I signed up with, was not enforcing the assignments. By Monday, I was not assigned a pole, I was upset, emotions were running high, and eventually angered by the whole lack of coordination." Behrens came to the meeting to present a solution to the problem. She said, "I don't want this to happen to anyone else." Behrens proposed that the Veterans Affairs Office staff be in charge and assign the flag poles for Memorial Day.

All those present were

in agreement that some consistency needs to be maintained when it comes to flag pole assignment during the Memorial Day Powwow. Dallas Whitewing, who presented the VHOP resolution at last year's General Council, added, "We also need to address the lowering of U.S., State, and Ho-Chunk Nation flags at our properties. We had a good system when the flags would be lowered now it's getting out of hand." Whitewing told the group about when the flags were down for a local police officer and he was confused about why the flag lowering was authorized. Dr. Rockman looked at the history of veterans within the

Ho-Chunk Nation and called for things to be centralized. Rockman said, "A protocol needs to be set. Powwow staff is in powwow mode and doesn't communicate with the veteran groups at the powwow. We don't know if the American Legion Post or the Marine Corps League is working with the powwow staff. Veterans should be on the powwow committee and staff." Rockman was an integral in the initial set up of the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Office in 1997. He said, "That was done through a grant. After it was set up and the staff changed, aspects of the

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Ho-Chunk Tribal Members experience cultural exchange with German Visitors

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On June 1, the Bear Clan Singers and Dancers performed for nearly fifty German tourists at Man Mound Park just outside Baraboo, Wisconsin. The performance turned into a rare cultural exchange experience when the German group performed a couple songs and dances. The group was a Roman Catholic Church Choir from Ast, Bavaria, German, which is about an hour north of Munich.

Tom Kraemer, owner of the Kraemer Bros Construction Company in Plain, Wisconsin, played host to German tourist group and organized the performance. Kraemer said, "I've known Gerald Cleveland for over twenty years. I asked him to organize a native dance performance for the visitors. The visitors have a busy schedule: they are coming here, then going to the House on the Rock, then spending two days with host families in Spring Green. A lot of Spring Green residents emigrated from the same area where the visitors are coming from, so that's the connection. They will be leaving for Mexico on Sunday."

When the visitors departed their charter bus, nearly a

half hour late, the dance program began. The Bear Clan Singers and Dancers are: Gerald Cleveland Sr., Rick Cleveland Sr., John Morris, Elliot Funmaker singing; Charles Hindsley, James Morris, Bobby Morris, Jordan WhiteEagle, Storm WhiteEagle, Courage Cleveland, Terrance Cleveland, David Cleveland, Delano Cleveland, Buster Danielle Lewis, Muriel Stewart, Nyomi Cleveland, Jacqueline Cleveland, Vicki Hindsley, and Tara Swallow. Charles Hindsley carried in the Eagle Staff as the Welcome Song was sung, and after the Flag Song was sung he posted the Eagle Staff. Gerald explained through a translator, "The Eagle Staff is our flag. It's the first flag of our nation. It was here before the red, white, and blue. And the song that is sung, that's like the national anthem."

Up next, was exhibition dancing from traditional men and women, grass and jingle dress dancers, fancy shawl, and then fancy. Then Charles and James did the Eagle Dance. Followed by Terrance and David doing the Shield Dance, where Terrance reigned supreme. The group then did the Snake



The Bear Clan Singers and Dancers pose for a photo at Man Mound Park in Baraboo, Wisconsin prior to performing for German tourists.

Dance. Gerald explained, "You'll see the snake coil and uncoil, shed its skin, and when the dancer dance across and jump over this spear; that symbolizes new life."

Next the interactive portion began with the Two Step and an Intertribal Dance. Cleveland said, "The Two Step is a social dance, a couple's dance. It's a follow the leader type dance. The dancers will be coming out to ask you to join them. If you refuse, you have to pay them ten dollars." For the Intertribal, the German tourists were invited to come out and dance with the dancers. It didn't take long before all the visitors to take advantage of the invitation. They all danced with smiles on their faces, some even war hooped with their Native counterparts. It really was a once in lifetime opportunity for the visitors.

Afterwards, Charles Hindsley grabbed the Eagle Staff for the retreat, as the dancers followed him out of the dance arena. The dancers all shook hands with Hindsley and the other dancers as they exited.

The translator announced that the German Church Choir leader said the group would

be sharing a couple songs and dances. One group member was called up to explain the song and its meaning. She said, "This is a song in Latin and Latin is the language that connects Christians all over the world. We dance in a circle and in the middle of the circle is Christ." She motions with her hands, reaching out with her right, then left, both hands come together, and extended upward. She continues as her hands move, "My hope, my joy, my strength, and my light. We look up to the light. We go into the middle to show that we are all together. In thee I trust and don't have any fear." As she's explaining, the group arranges themselves in a circle. After she's done with the explanation, she joins the circle. The singing begins. Once they complete the lyrics, they spin out of the middle, back into the circle, join hand in hand, rotate to the right, and continue the lyrics. They sang the song three times through.

Their next song was also sung in Latin. The translator explained the song lyrics as "We shall jubilee to the Lord, all the world. Serve the lord with joy, and this joy may be on earth. Hallelujah." The group

dance in a circle: beginning with several steps inward and raising their hands upward, followed by steps backward, a spin, joining hand in hand and rotating to their right. After they sang the song three times through, several members were asked to enter the circle and form a smaller circle. Now the smaller group in the center began singing the song, and the larger group joined in. They were singing "in canon", and sang another three times through.

Everyone enjoyed the cultural exchange and began greeting one another after the performances. The dancers were asked to stay in their regalia for photos with the visitors. One of the visitors had a birthday. The German tourist sang a birthday song in German, followed by Charles Hindsley singing a Ho-Chunk birthday song. Following the birthday songs, Hindsley and others sang the Lord's Prayer in Ho-Chunk.

Finally, the group was invited to view the effigy mound at Man Mound Park; the only effigy mounds in the shape of a man in Wisconsin.



Charles Hindsley and his "snag" about to lead the Two Step.



(L-R) Jacqueline Cleveland gets fancy with her shawl to put on a show for tourists. Charles Hindsley and James Morris perform the Eagle Dance. Iris Cleveland greets German tourist after a dance performance. Terrance Cleveland is victorious in the Shield Dance.

Wood Bowl

Submitted by Heezip tanizu
aka Honey Dakota

Introduction by Ona Garvin: Niikuusra Community School's goals are to teach Hocak language, culture and history. As such, when a student works on traditional pursuits they are credited with the time they put in on it toward credit hours. The Hocak credit is a language credit which also requires a cultural component. The students work 100 hours to earn a full school credit.

We were so proud of Honey Dakota's finished work product and thought it would be a great idea to submit as a special article for our tribal newspaper. Honey has so many interests; She loves animals, has several interesting projects and plans to continue this summer with learning other traditional ways, such as basket making and Hocak language. She will be in 7th grade next year.

Below is the "Wood Bowl" article submitted by Honey Dakota:

It was 7:09p.m. when my mother took me outside. She told me to gather wood fire

because we were having a fire; I didn't know why it couldn't wait until Friday when I was done with school. I walked in the woods, grabbed a big dead tree and dragged it to the backyard where the fire pit was. Mom was gathering twigs, I had no idea why though, I asked why but got no response. It was 8:30p.m. and getting darker every hour; we had two fires. She told me that she was going to teach me how to make a wooden bowl for the medicine dance.

Mom and I were gathering more wood for the fire and twigs for the bowl making. Mom found two sharp sticks and put the edges in the fire for a while so they could get a little burnt until it looked like a small spear. We had our chairs further back so we wouldn't burn our feet when the coals dropped. By 9:00p.m. we were scraping the burnt parts on the log deeper and deeper, rounder and rounder, until we got it how we wanted, nice and round. Every now and then we take stations breaks as we like to call it. We go to the corner store and get large

cans of Monster, an energy drink so we won't get tired, and a bag of buttery puffy popcorn. We headed back home to work again as we sit, drink, and eat. The fire was getting weaker so I told my mom I would collect wood for the fire. "Honey take this bag and fill it up with dead pine needles," she said. As I walked in the woods with my flashlight and a plastic bag I collected the needles and sticks. I walked back almost tripping over the fallen twigs. It was about 10:10p.m. when I got back with the sticks and pine needles. She helped me with the sticks and put it in the fire with the pine. I always thought it would help make the fire get higher but mom told me that it helps keep mosquitoes away.

It was about 11 when we sat down and started working on making the bowl deeper and deeper. Every now and then we would have to dump it out, scrub on it harder, and put new coal in. We sat and waited for it to catch on fire then rubbed it until it was deep. It takes a while for it to be all round and look like a figure of a bowl. Friday



Honey Dakota's finished work product as a Niikuusra Community School student. Traditional wood bowl process with the help of her nani.

we will use a metal tire ring, put the log on it, and burn the bark off. The bark on the log is 5 inches long; we measured the bark ending. We were still rubbing the burnt inside of the log; we did that for hours but it was fun. The fire wasn't going out but we were all stocked up on fire wood which was a good thing. About 12:00a.m. we dumped the coal out, put new coal in, and waited for it to burn the

inside of the log. When we were done waiting for that to happen, we dumped out the old coal and put new ones in. Mom told me we are going to wrap it up for the night so we put out the fire and watered out the hot droppings of the old coal we used. We took our stuff and put it inside, got into the bathroom, washed our hands, and crawled into our nice warm beds.

Our Lands – Our Inheritance

Respectfully Submitted by
Lanette Walker - Center
Director/Lead Advisor

Recently, I took a trip to Washington D.C. with the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) Youth Commissioners and on that trip I was sitting in session and listened to several speakers address the leaders and other tribal representatives. One topic hit close to home and the light bulb came on. That current topic was the Mining Issue on the Bad River reservation.

When I came home I thought about that issue some more and tried to come up

with a plan for our Youth Councils as to maximize the dollars that were spent on me to be at the NCAI Annual Conference. Chairman Mike Wiggins also spoke about the concerns his people have and what potential harm it could do to the natural state of that area.

As the Youth Council lead advisor I am constantly looking for ways to teach our young people about leadership, government, and that they have the ability within themselves to voice their concerns. This could be a valuable lesson.

The following Ho-Chunk Youth Council Mission Statement states:

The Ho-Chunk Youth Council shall exist to voice the opinions and concerns of the native youth living in all Ho-Chunk areas. The Ho-Chunk Youth Council will be a means of combining and coordinating youth toward a common goal by simulating Ho-Chunk Nation government. We will be committed to improving our council and youth through community, prevention, and cultural projects. The Ho-Chunk Youth Council will strive to improve their individual members and provide them with the opportunities to interact socially and have fun while developing leadership skills.

In order to maximize our dollars, we have planned the Ho-Chunk Youth Council to be held in Ashland on June 7-8, 2010. This trip will be three fold. First, we will be using the mission statement as a guide. We will look to improve our youth councils through community and cultural projects. We will also be interacting socially with the leadership of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa people.

There may come a day when it will be their lands that are threatened and providing this opportunity today will help them better prepare for tomorrow, thus the theme "Our Lands – Our Inheritance."

Part I: The Issue and the Result: ore mining near Hurley, WI which could affect the same watershed as the tribe. Through discussions with Bad River's leadership about the issue and how

it would have affected his people and their lands. The youth will learn about what natural resources or food sources are on their lands? They will also talk about the damage that could have been done for future use of the lands had the mining been approved. The youth councils will also ask any other appropriate questions of the people who we will be meeting with. We will also ask about what the outcome was.



Part II: The Education of Conservation: will include a visit to Northland College to explore the programs they have to offer. Northland College is a leader in environmental and sustainability issues. If we can teach the importance of land conservation and the environment perhaps this would turn into their future. We are also about showing the youth the various opportunities that are out there for them to partake of if they so chose.

Part III: The Regulation of Tribes in the State of Wisconsin: a visit to the BIA for more insight on their roles in the topic of lands, but not limited to this. There may be more information we can gain from the BIA and we will try

to interest the youth councils to ask more questions.

Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Department – Youth Services Division goal that can be met with this Youth Council two-day event in Ashland is **Goal Three:** to provide our youth opportunities to develop leadership skills to become responsible leaders.

Objectives:

1. We will provide them the opportunity to interact with their native peers during our programming in a positive, caring, and safe environment
2. We will provide participants opportunities to help others in their communities with monthly Community Outreach Projects.
3. We will provide participants opportunities to be involved with Youth Council; learn about the government, parliamentary procedures, note taking, public speaking, communication skills, peer education, and how to represent others on important issues.

There may be items we need to change/add and we will do that as we get closer to the date of the activity. Youth Councils will be preparing for this trip in their respective areas. Our budget will be submitted and funds will be requested. Reservations for lodging and a schedule will be given to all willing Youth Councils.



Littles 2012

K-5th Graders

When: June 25, 2012 12:00PM-5:00PM

Where: Copeland Park, La Crosse, WI

Come join "Littles 2012" for a day filled with plenty of food, excitement and fun. Our Littles will have the opportunity to meet and greet Littles from other Ho-Chunk Communities, learn about Summer Safety with Onalaska Police Department, other Law Enforcement and get up close and personal with raptors from the Raptor Center. Be ready to have some fun in the sun at the Sprinkler Park and with the Big Event Company.

The Raptor Center
College of Veterinary Medicine

Ensuring the health of species and the world we share through research, medical and services

Copeland Park info
1130 Copeland Park Drive
La Crosse, WI, 54601
Click for Directions

The "Big Event" is limited to K-5th Grade youth currently enrolled within Youth Services.

For questions or more details on the Littles 2012 Event, contact Henry Greengrass at 608/796-1550 ext. 5431 or at henry.greengrass@ho-chunk.com

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Protecting the Bad River Reservation

The Bureau of Indian Affairs sets date for General Council Election

Submitted by GCA
Attorney John Swimmer

On April 16, 2012, Kim Bouchard, Superintendent of the Great Lakes Agency notified the Ho-Chunk Nation that the long awaited Secretarial election has been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Election will take place August 14, 2012. Registration notices will be sent out in June. You must register to vote in this Election. If you do not mail in your registration by July 17, 2012, you will not be able to vote. You cannot register to vote on Election day.

GCA is asking tribal citizens for feedback on appointment of the Federal Election Board. GCA appointed a Federal Election Board consisting of members of General Council Agency, the Legislature, and Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board. But the President filed an objection and requested that the Legislature appoint a separate Election Board. The BIA rejected GCA's appointed Board and accepted the Legislature's Federal Election Board. In protest the two General Council Agency members on the Federal Election Board Marvin Decorah, Sr. and Muriel Whiteagle-Lee resigned.

GCA believes that General Council has authority under the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to appoint the Federal Election Board under the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Under the Constitution, The People of the Ho-Chunk Nation grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council. HCN Const. Art. IV, Sec. 1. The General Council has delegated power to the Legislature to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution. But the Constitution is silent regarding appointment of Federal Election Board for General Council Amendments to the Constitution. The Constitution sets forth a list of explicit powers delegated to the Legislature. The Ho-Chunk Nation has separation of power, which provide "No branch of government shall exercise the powers or functions delegated to another branch." The power to appoint a Federal Secretarial Election Board is not one of those powers delegated to the Legislature. Thus, GCA asserts that this is a reserved power for the General Council, and GCA has been given authority through a power of attorney resolution to take all actions necessary to hold a Federal Secretarial Election including the power to appoint a Federal Election Board. Please share your thought will your local GCA Agent as to who you feel should appoint the Federal Election Board.

On another related matter, GCA has been working with the Legislature for the past four years to draft a Memorandum of Understanding addressing the procedures and who has authority to call and hold Secretarial Elections. At a recent meeting, the negotiations regarding the Memorandum of Understanding

between the Legislature and GCA ended unsuccessfully and no further discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding are planned.

Eight proposed amendments will be on the ballot:

1. Resolution 09-12-09B: To amend the constitution to clarify an ambiguity in the constitution, which provides GCA has authority to supervise GCA employees; it also provides GCA authority to hire, manage, and supervise its own employees.
2. Resolution 09-12-09E: a resolution to limit Legislative term limits to two, four-year terms.
3. Resolution 09-12-09F: a resolution to limit the President to two, four-year terms.
4. Resolution 09-12-09G: a resolution to provide for a Presidential veto that can be overturned by a 2/3rds majority vote.
5. Resolution 09-12-09G: This provides General Council the authority to take enforcement action to ensure that resolutions are timely passed, waives the immunity of the Nation to take cases to the Supreme Court if the Legislature or Executive Branch fails to take action within the timelines provided.
6. Resolution 09-17-05I: a resolution to require the Chief Justice be a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
7. Resolution 9-17-05J: a resolution to provide that Trial Court Judges must be elected.
8. Resolution 10-18-11E: a resolution to eliminate the four-year degree requirement.

Here is the full text of the proposed constitutional amendments:

Proposed Amendment A, CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION:

Proposed Amendment A, would add a new Article IV Section 3(g), delegating authority to the General Council Agency to hire, manage and supervise staff of the General Council Agency. Proposed Article IV Section 3 (g) would read:

ARTICLE IV - GENERAL COUNCIL: Section 3. Powers Retained by the General Council.

(g) General Council Branch delegates authority to General Council Agency to select, hire, manage and supervise General Council Branch personnel to accomplish the tasks mandated by General Council.

Proposed Amendment B, CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION:

Proposed Amendment B, would amend Article V Section 6, to prohibit individual members of the Ho-Chunk Legislature from serving more than two consecutive (4) year terms unless filling a vacancy. Proposed Article V Section 6 would read:

ARTICLE V-LEGISLATURE: Section 6. Terms of Office: Members of the Legislature shall serve four (4) year terms not to exceed two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms, which shall be staggered, unless

the Legislator's first term is filling a vacancy under Article IX of Constitution, it will not count as a term for purposes of this section. Legislators shall represent their respective Districts until their successors have been sworn into office except if the Legislator has been successfully removed or recalled in accordance with this Constitution. Members of the Legislature shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible voters from their respective Districts.

Proposed Amendment C, CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION: Proposed Amendment C would amend Article VI Section 5 by prohibiting the President from serving more than two consecutive terms in office. Proposed Article VI Section 5 would read:

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE: Section 5. Term of Office: The President shall serve four (4) year terms not to exceed two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms, which shall be staggered unless the President's first term is filling a vacancy under Article IX of Constitution, it will not count as a term for purposes of this section. The President shall serve until a successor has been sworn into office. The President shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Proposed Amendment D, CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION:

Proposed Amendment D would amend Article VI Section 2(a) by providing for Presidential veto power over legislative actions within 14 calendar days. The proposed amendment would also amend Article V Section 2 by adding a new subsection (y) to authorize the Legislature to override a Presidential veto by with a 2/3 majority vote. Proposed Article VI Section 2(a) and Article V Section 2(y) would read:

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE: Section 2(a). To execute and administer the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation,

including the right to veto within fourteen (14) calendar days any action of the Legislature unless overturned by the Legislature pursuant to Article V Section 2(y). The President cannot retroactively veto Legislation passed before enactment of this Amendment.

ARTICLE V -LEGISLATURE: Section 2(y). The Legislature may overturn any Presidential Veto, by a 2/3 supermajority vote. The Legislature must exercise its veto within fourteen calendar days (14) after the President notifies the Legislature of the veto. The President shall serve notice of the veto to the Vice-President and in the absence of the Vice-President notice will be provided to the full Legislature by placing the veto on the agenda under New Business at the next legislative meeting.

Proposed Amendment E, CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION:

Proposed Amendment E would amend Article XII Section I and Article IV Section 3(a), to provide for enforcing policies of the General Council by waiving the Ho-Chunk Nations immunity from suits brought by the General Council against the Legislature, officials and employees of the Executive Branch. Proposed Article XII Section I and Article IV Section 3(a) would read:

ARTICLE XII - SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY: Section 1. Immunity of Nation from Suit. The Ho-Chunk Nation shall be immune from suit except to the extent that the Legislature expressly waives its sovereign immunity, and officials and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation acting within the scope of their duties or authority shall be immune from suit. Except suits brought in Article IV Section 3(a).

ARTICLE VII - JUDICIARY: Section 9. The Chief Judge and Associate Judges of the Trial Court shall be appointed by the Legislature

HO-CHUNK NATION: Proposed Amendment G would amend Article VII Section 11 to add a requirement that the Trial Court Judges will be elected by the members rather than appointed by the Legislature and must be members of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The amendment also removes the current Legislative authority to appoint Trial Court Judges in Article VII Section 9. Proposed Article VII Section 11 would read:

ARTICLE VII - JUDICIARY: Section 9. The Chief Judge and Associate Judges of the Trial Court shall be appointed by the Legislature to serve for three (3) year staggered terms and until their successors have been sworn into office.

Section 11. Appointment of Trial Court Judges: The Legislature shall appoint a Chief Judge and Associate Judges to the Trial Court. Election of Trial Court Judges. The Chief Trial Judge and any Associate Judges to the Trial Court shall be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation in accordance with the General Election provisions in Article VIII Section 1, unless otherwise provided. All candidates shall be a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Trial Judges shall serve staggered four (4) year terms and shall serve until a successor has been sworn into office except if the Trial Court Judge has been successfully recalled or removed. In the event a Trial Court Justice is removed, the Legislature may appoint an Interim Trial Court Judge, until a successor has been sworn into office.

Proposed Amendment H, CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION:

Proposed Amendment H would change current Article V Section 7, including the language from Amendment V of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, by removing a constitutional requirement that Legislators possess a four year baccalaureate

degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Proposed Article V Section 7 would read:

ARTICLE V - LEGISLATURE: Section 7. Qualifications: Members of the Legislature shall be at least twenty five (25) years old and eligible to vote, and shall possess a four year baccalaureate degree conferred by an accredited institution of higher education: No person shall become a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature if otherwise employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation. No person convicted of a felony shall serve as a Legislator unless pardoned.

Look for future correspondence and details regarding the Secretarial Election from the Federal Election Board. Additional information on how to register and vote will be posted in the Worak and mailed directly to tribal members.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the resolutions please contact the General Council Agency.



2012

Mitchell RedCloud Day



4th of July Pow-Wow

**Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds
5 miles east of Black River Falls on Hwy 54**

Grand Entry at Noon



Wednesday July 4th

**Meal at 5:00 PM
Sponsored by the RedCloud Family**

Honorarium for Drums & Dancers

All Vendors Welcome ★ Free Camping

Badger Honor Flight receives \$20k

Submitted by Nehomah Thundercloud, Senior Manager Public Relations

During this year's Memorial Day Flag Raising Program at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, the guest speaker was Robert McGuigan from the Badger Honor Flight. Badger Honor Flight is one of five Wisconsin regional affiliates of the national Honor Flight Network. The Honor Flight Network began as a way to ensure that WWII and terminally ill veterans had the opportunity to see the national memorials erected in their honor. McGuigan said, "We are told regularly by family members that their veterans are too excited to sleep the night before a flight. It is awesome to see these men and women giddy with adrenaline, talking and sharing stories."

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells presented a check to Badger Honor Flights for \$20,000. Nehomah

Thundercloud, Public Relations Sr. Manager, said, "Each Flag Raising Program we want to honor a different era. This Memorial Day we chose to highlight our WWII Veterans. The Badger Honor Flight has done an amazing job giving WWII veterans an opportunity to visit Washington DC to see the memorials. We hope that our donation will help ensure this unique opportunity can be given to more veterans."

The Honor Flight Network provides all amenities to the veterans, including all transportation, meals and lodging. Everything is free to the veterans because of how much they have sacrificed for this great country already. The only money veterans need is if they want to buy a souvenir for themselves. "This is so important to Badger Honor Flight. This check from Ho-Chunk is the largest single donation given



Nehomah Thundercloud, HCG WI Dells Senior Manager Public Relations, presents \$20,000 check to Badger Honor Flights.

to Badger Honor Flight. It is also the first large donation from a Corporation!" shared McGuigan.

On conclusion of the program, over 200 US

Military Veterans enjoyed a complimentary lunch at the Standrock Buffet by Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells.

For more information about

upcoming Ho-Chunk Gaming promotions, stop by the Guest Service counter at one of the Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities or go on-line at www.ho-chunkgaming.com.

Bloom and Zoom Marketing Campaign huge success

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

There was an air of excitement surrounding HCG Nekoosa as the countdown to the 2012 Camaro drew closer. Every employee was on his or her feet providing the best service they could while accommodating boosted floor traffic with over one thousand players entering the facility on June 2, 2012.

Over all the talking patrons and well lit gaming machines, Renee Reissmann, HCG Nekoosa Marketing Director shouts, "We are nearly filled to capacity. We have 1,200 players on the gaming floor right now!" She tries to fill up her cup with some ice and there's none to be had. "Wow, we have no ice," she whispers to an assistant to fill the machine.

Outside, cars are vying to find parking spaces. An employee has a flashlight and is directing cars to different spaces that come open. "I haven't seen this much traffic

in a long time," says the parking attendant.

The centerpiece of the night, the 2012 silver Chevy Camaro, glows with wishes next to the building. "We even had to modify that space to make it look more appealing," Reissmann points out.

Inside, the slot lights dazzle as people coming in last minute cannot find open machines. It is hard to get on any machine that one usually plays. Even the machines people usually don't play have scads of people lined up. Reissmann is very pleased about how the evening is turning out and said, "Our employees love it because the night is going fast."

The dedication of some gamers is evident. The new Bloom and Zoom campaign offered was a new approach to develop marketing efforts at all five Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities with a single aim of dominating Wisconsin Indian Gaming. A secondary aim was to attract "regulars" and

branch out to a new younger demographic of weekend players. Players at each facility needed to gain 25 rewards points to enter into one of the three drawings that led up to the final Camaro. Prizes of up to \$10,000 were awarded the same night of the Camaro drawing. All three drawings were then combined so that the first 1000 entries were placed into the Camaro bin.

Reissmann didn't know if the winners would want to be known and they have the option of having their pictures taken at the time of winning. She was nervous and hoped each would fill out the publicity release form. It definitely would prove the success of the night. Meanwhile, the doorway began to swell as more and more people waited to hear their name called for the grand prize in the entrance. Robin Kowakzyk ended up snagging the \$10,000 drawing at 10 p.m. earlier that night. Everyone seemed unfazed. The clock ticked and shouts came from the guest services, "One minute until the Camaro drawing!" People drew closer and closer to the front entrance and then the name was called...

William Clendenning won the Camaro drawing. Just as quickly as he won, the gaming floor became breathable again. People left in droves. Clendenning (smiling), said this was his biggest win and mentioned the last time he won something big was about six years ago when he walked away with six thousand



Renee Reissmann, HCG Nekoosa Marketing Director, presents a \$10,000 check to Robin Kowakzyk from the HCG Bloom and Zoom promotion.

dollars.

After months of planning, last minute revisions, and a night filled with excitement, Reissmann and the rest of the crew were finally able to slow down and rest their feet. "You don't know what we had to do to keep that car from adverse weather conditions. We had only five people who could drive the car back and forth to the protection area we built especially for the car. What an experience," she said.

As Clendenning climbed into his new 2012 Silver Chevrolet Camaro, turned over the key and heard the engine purr, a few female patrons said they wouldn't know what to do with such a car. Other comments were, "I would trade it in and get something more practical. And what about the cost of insurance?" As Clendenning looked around the inside of the car, felt the smooth leather

seats, he chuckled and said, "At least they could have filled it up with gas." After filling up at the C-Store, Clendenning drove off into the remnants of Bloom and Zoom's night air with a huge smile on his face and his wife next to him (at least we think it was his wife!).

Reissmann acknowledges that Jim Webster, HCN Business Department, was the mastermind behind this new effort behind all five gaming facilities collaborating. Nekoosa achieved the set goal for slot machine utilization with nearly all of the slot machines in-house were being played between 7pm-10pm.

All staff received an internal team building reward as their best night. Reissmann explained, "This is the biggest promotion I have been a part of so far. However, we have so much more planned for the coming months."



Winner of the 2012, sparkling silver Chevrolet Camaro went to William Clendenning.

Unlock your earning potential

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Wendy White Eagle with Native Capital knows a thing or two about good business.

As the founder and principal owner of Native Capital Investment, Inc. — an international business and financial advisory firm — she understands what types of businesses work.



Wendy White Eagle is the Founder and Principal Owner of Native Capital Investment, Inc., an international business and financial advisory firm.

Photo by Megan Kelly.
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For business owners who not only are looking to grow, but looking to leave a lasting legacy, White Eagle is a good person to have on your team.

Native Capital advises clients on how they can pool capital to expand their business. The company also invests in businesses that meet rigorous triple-bottom-line guidelines for investment and create knowledge-based jobs.

In the case of TekPak Inc. — a Kane County packaging manufacturing company — Native Capital provided multiple services.

White Eagle served as a

direct financial advisor to TekPak President Tony Beyer who was searching for a bank that could handle his plans for growth. She met with 10 separate banks before narrowing her search down to three quality choices that had the ability to invest in and support TekPak's expansion. She put together a Financial Model to test capital options and discussed covenant compliance that ended with solid, growth-orientated terms for the TekPak owners.

In the end, this body of work saved the company more than \$10,000 a month while dramatically increasing available expansion capital for the TekPak team.

In turn, TekPak hired 10 additional employees last year and was able to purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as its CNC machines to better compete in the industry.

"It comes down to creating win-win," White Eagle says. "If you raise the entire water level on an investment everyone rises up."

White Eagle's expertise and business experience are second to none — she has never had an investment go south.

And while she is the only Native American female-led private equity firm nationwide, what really sets White Eagle and Native Capital apart is the company's commitment to the values she believes in. Namely, building business and self-sustaining communities.

"We talk in Indian Country of doing things 'in a good way,'" White Eagle says. "Invest in business and do it in a good way. Understand that your footprint leaves marks long after you may have passed. Build toward a time when those in your organization can proudly say,

"We've been around for more than 100 years."

How it began

White Eagle's entrepreneurial spirit was born out of a transaction she helped discuss with a Native American tribe in 2002.

That Tribal organization was being offered a bond in excess of \$100 million, but Tribal Leaders felt that they did not have the skills to fully understand the package, and their financial representative wasn't able to explain the fine print well enough for the leaders to understand the offer.

White Eagle took a look at the proposal, saw that the Tribe would have to pay more than 4 times the typical interest on the bond and recommended the Tribe walk away from the offer.

The Tribe followed her advice, and out of that experience, Native Capital was born. White Eagle continues to help business owners and entrepreneurs with their business plans, crafting the financial architecture and structure on deals that provide them the best possible outcome.

However, it wasn't long after her first encounter with that Tribe that White Eagle realized there was a large gap in private equity investment for Native Americans in areas other than hospitality and gaming on native lands.

Business diversification is key in creating vibrant communities, White Eagle says. In Kane County, a wide variety of employment options stabilize the tax base while at the same time offer families a good place to grow. The same principle holds true in native communities across this country.

Thus, White Eagle expanded her company to invest in worthwhile endeavors that shared the

same values she did.

When Native Capital decides whether to work with a specific business, White Eagle scores the company based on the following questions:

- Who is the management team, and what are their values and experience?
- The question behind the question here is — can the management team pull it off?
- What's new or different about the product or service?
- What is the financial return?

Native Capital does not work with start-up companies or venture investments; rather, White Eagle works with expansion capital and businesses in which she can trust her investment.

That means the business must be sustainable, and White Eagle has a specific definition for the term.

"I define sustainable business as doing business to create value and to add value to the larger whole — an organization that understands that the right to conduct business also entails a responsibility to do so in a constructive and positive way," she says.

That is one of the main reasons Native Capital chose to work with TekPak.

"They live the values that we talk about so often, meaning local job creation, meaningful knowledge-based employee development and solid investment," White Eagle says. "TekPak is the kind of company we invest in — namely [an] established management team, solid revenue history ... and a product and service that is in demand and growing."

A success story

TekPak not only manufactures but also designs and creates packaging for myriad plastic materials. In the electronic and medical device industry, the company is developing new packaging that uses less oil and plastic, making it more environmentally friendly. Its engineering force can design and implement new ideas with its research and development team in St. Charles faster than anyone else in the world, Tony Beyer says.

Though TekPak houses its sales office in Batavia, 40 percent of the company's sales come from overseas. However, when the company was looking to expand, Beyer didn't want to build a factory outside of the United States.

"Historically, manufacturing is the basis of any community," Beyer says. "[I wanted] to keep decent-paying jobs here."

In the midst of TekPak's expansion, the national economic crisis hit, and local banks began to fail. Beyer's concern of whether his bank could support his company's growth quickly morphed into a concern of whether his bank would be open at all.

"This is not something that generally pops up on a business owner's radar — will your bank be there?" Beyer says.

Beyer turned to White Eagle not only to find solid banking options, but also to take advantage of the low financing rates that were available.

"[Native Capital] investigated the banks [and] completed all the research and work that can't be done in a day [because] you still gotta run the business," Beyer says. "Having a bank you can trust, you can sleep at night. Now you can actually think about the business instead of worrying if the bank is going to be able to grow with you."

White Eagle credits her successful investing with her "triple bottom line:" she cares about people, the planet, and profit. In the end, she says, it is all about being mindful of impact.

And it is those qualities that keep her clients with her for the long haul.

White Eagle has worked with Gerald Redman, head of Northern Arapaho Utilities, since 2006. While talking about the tenure of the project they have been developing, Redman told White Eagle exactly why his Tribe continues to work with her company.

"He looked at me and said, 'We trust you. That's important.' And at the end of the day, that's what it's all about."

Family Day in Wittenberg

The Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Violence Program, Family Services Program, and Behavioral Health have pulled together to spend a day with you and your family in Wittenberg!

June 30, 2012

From 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

At Dells of Eau Claire County

Park

Come join the fun!



- Door Prizes
- Pendleton Raffle
- Grilling out & Feel Free To Bring A Dish To Pass!
- Scavenger Hunt
- Informational Booths
- Family Activities

Don't forget your swimming suit!

See you there!!

For more information contact 715-284-2622 x 5101
or 5114

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Amber Leigh Niemi, Petitioner, v. Tad Isaac Butcher, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-38

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Tad Isaac Butcher**

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The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

2012 NFL Preseason

Submitted by Jim Lincoln – Ho-Chunk Tribal member

Yes, finally! It is time once again for my annual pre-pre-season pick for the NFC North teams. I just love all the action, drama and craziness the NFL season brings to us. New players everywhere some have changed teams, coaches have new expectations, and fans have high hopes. What will happen this year? Well you regular readers of this article know you can get the accurate 2012 season results here and now today. In fact, new for this year, all predictions are guaranteed or your money back! For eight years this article has appeared in print near and far for all to digest, pick apart and argue over and it is here again. So relax, enjoy and analyze as I clear the dust off the crystal football for a little review of last season along with the predictions of the next, and I like to start with the easiest team in the division the...

Minnesota Vikings- On the last day of May the Vike's completed their first OTA, the common question among the few remaining veterans on this team were asking "who is that?" So what is up with all the new faces you may ask; well Coach Leslie Frazier was the leader of a 3-13 disaster in 2011 that prompted the highest ranking new face, rookie general manager, Rick Spielman to orchestrate an overhaul of the roster. Frazier has a 6-16 career record as a coach; he is entering the second year of a three-year contract and will be asked to compete with a roster that is at least a year away from legitimate contention. Playing in the NFL's toughest division, he'll have 2nd year quarterback Christian Ponder, 3 new starters on the offensive line, a rookie place-kicker and 3 first time starters down the middle of his defense and possibly at both safety positions. Oh, and Frazier's best player, Adrian Peterson, is recovering from a serious knee injury suffered last December, and if that's not enough, starting Corner back, 24 year old Asher Allen, decided to retire. Frazier is a good person and a good coach, but that's a challenging series of obstacles to overcome especially for someone hoping to have a 3rd season as a head Coach. The honeymoon period is over and he is expected to produce wins. Last season, the Vikings allowed 34 touchdown passes, worst in the NFC. Detroit and Green Bay last season combined for 9,738 yards and 92 touchdowns, both torched the Vikings' secondary on the way to scoring an average of 35 points per game. Result? Minnesota used 1st & 3rd round draft choices on defensive backs. There is a major overhaul going on for the "mini-so-tans" this season or at least a "new domed" size attempt at fixing obvious problems, this year can only be categorized as another rebuilding year and the end

result will be the same as last 51 years of still no Lombardi trophy. But at least the Vike's have a new stadium on the horizon and look what a new field did for the Twins. Cellar dweller once again for the "Norski Boys of the North" is the prediction for this season. Skol Vikings and sorry all you Ragnars and Helga's, I can only give you what the crystal ball gives me.

Detroit Lions- I think most of us remember the famous Schwartz/Harbaugh handshake, the Suh stomp, and now the off season issues of Mikel Leshore's two marijuana charges, Nick Fairly DUI and marijuana issues, and now Titus Young sucker punching teammate Louis Delmas. You usually get the team to follow the way that you lead and now Coach Schwartz is saying that this is a concern but they are young and boys will be boys, wow. They also say Suh, the Packer stomper, is in control of himself now and Coach Schwartz will be more gracious if he is on the receiving end of a hard handshake again. Oh by the way, remember Peyton Hillis, RB for the Kansas City Chiefs who last year had the honor of being on the cover of Madden's NFL 12? Last year his season unraveled fast, was cut short and he was definitely not the same player that earned him the cover honor. This year's honor goes to Calvin Johnson, AKA "Megatron" like Hillis; he dismissed the idea of the Madden cover curse. Let's hope "Megatron" at least gets to put on his jersey before he slips on a banana peel and sprains his "what-cham-mega-call-it" or gets hit by a piece of satellite falling from space on his way to practice. Anyway Mathew Stafford had a great season and set team records in 2011 but things will unravel and third in the division will be the place setting for the "Pride of Detroit" this season.

Chicago Bears- For months, Da-Bears have systematically filled their roster holes. They traded for receiver Brandon Marshall, taking away one of the quarterback with the "big arm", Mr. interception himself, Jay Cutler's excuses of not having a "big bodied target" to throw to. Marshall is a big talent but a total football knucklehead who doesn't study the playbook, he has pleaded guilty to driving while impaired and has been accused although never convicted of other violations of law. Marshall recently has been diagnosed with borderline personality disorder, which manifests as uncontrolled impulsive behavior. But usually when a person becomes aware of a problem and admits it, the odds increase for a favorable outcome, we'll soon see how that works out. Da-Bears also signed backups at quarterback, Jason Campbell and running back, Michael Bush,

drafted a pass-rusher, Shea McClellin to complement Julius Peppers, and added another big receiver in rookie Alshon Jeffery. But rather than address two years of uneven play along their offensive line with player upgrades, Da-Bears instead placed their faith with new offensive coordinator Mike Tice. Confident his background as a head coach and offensive line coach will ensure a scheme that offers his blockers plenty of help and limits the difficulty of their positions, yeah right. Football is about the skills of the players more than it is the schemes of the coaches. If Tice can't coach the incumbent linemen to play at a winning level, then the rest of the upgrades won't matter. Besides when the going gets tough for this windy city team, their starting quarterback gets an ov-eet then pouts on the sidelines for the rest of the season. Oh I know I don't know the challenges or rigors to be a player in the NFL. Maybe it's just that most of this division's fans were used to watching a QB that stayed in the game no matter what was hurt or injured. We all watched an iron man quarterback who was a fierce competitor that never missed a game in his 20 year career or at least until the bounty gate hunters finally caught up with him. "Bear-down" Chicago fans, because the upgrades around Jay Cutler are enough to gather more wins than those pesky unravelling motor city boys, yielding Da-Bears second in this division.

Green Bay Packers- Nailed it! Yep, another prediction becomes reality, last year I said another trophy will be held high and brought back to Title Town USA; I just didn't say it would be a mirrored ball trophy won by the veteran Packers receiver Donald Driver and his gorgeous dancing partner Peta something or other. Title Town is a good name for Green Bay isn't it? Oh I don't want to create the illusion that this team was perfect, because this team had its share of

woes too. One of the backup linebackers, Erik Walden, was incarcerated for a short time last fall on the charge of disorderly conduct domestic dispute, and the Packer defense was ranked dead last earning them another title of worst in the NFL. After all they did lose one regular season game and the NFC divisional round game in the playoffs to the eventual Super Bowl champions. But this same defense was number one in take aways, first in interceptions and fumble recoveries. Along the way on the offensive side of the ball QB Aaron Rodgers earned the title of league MVP and threw 45 touchdown passes, had just six interceptions and set the league record with a 122.5 passer rating. But I don't want to brag too much on all the new offensive records that were set by this team. I want to talk about the improvements; the Pack is hoping to infuse speed, quickness, and depth with an emphasis on young, emerging players with this year's draft. The common denominator among the rookie defenders, it is that they possess explosive athleticism. Ted Thompson even added some free agents to help shore up that lame defense, and with the blend of seasoned veterans good competition is all over the "D" side of the ball. A quick note, the last eight picks of first and second round draft choices were four defensive linemen, two offensive linemen, a linebacker and a wide receiver. The Packers under Aaron Rodgers are seen as a finesse team, their recent draft emphasis has been meat and potato "in the trenches" type players and the draft results so far under Ted T's 6 year reign yielded 4 seasons of playoff appearances, 3



Donald Driver pulled off an unexpected win this season on "Dancing with the Stars."

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division Championships, 1 conference championship and a Super Bowl ring. So this Packer backer believes in Ted. Now onto the prediction, as you can tell there is only one spot left in this division so the Pack will enter the playoffs as one of the top seeds, with new stars, new records and no not again! This darn crystal ball is getting foggy but, but I see, I see... two trophies, how can that be? What does it mean? I guess we will all have to watch how the facts stated here plays out over the next few months. Remember, now all the predictions are guaranteed or your money back.

Go Pack Go!

Sand Volleyball



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NATIVE REPORT: Coming of age Latin Ho-Chunk style

Submitted by Thomas S. Tourtillott, freelance writer

The cultural scope of the Ho-Chunk Nation encompasses more than fringes and feather work. The bloodlines leading to today's Nation is as diverse as the trees in a forest. And from those bloodlines comes all walks of life. It is through those bloodlines that the ethnicity of the Nation obtains its vibrancy. For an outsider looking in, the divisions of ethnic background are quite clear. For an insider looking out, those divisions are marked by subtle differences. It is through the melding of ethnic backgrounds that we achieve what the late Reuben Snake referred to as "The Browning of America."

With our spring monsoon season having come to an end, summer is only a few short ones away. It is a period of transition, of new beginnings. And in this period of transitions *Native Report* has learned a new word: Quinceanera. Allow a moment here for a reflection on the subject.

While sitting at the kitchen table of the Snake Pit, my daga Norman informed me that my little mom, Angelica Rodriguez, had turned fifteen

years old and that there was to be a special celebration for her. Angelica is an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Her parents are Mario and Julie Rodriguez.

Following the customs of her father, when an old girl turns into a young woman, that occasion is hallmark with a special dance. The age that the dance takes place is fifteen years old and the celebration is called the Quinceanera.

After daga informed me that the Quinceanera was going to be held on Saturday, June 2nd, I was determined to be present. The festivities were to take place in two parts. First, at 4:30pm at the Catholic Church in Alma Center, a prayer service was scheduled to be held (God comes first). Second, a meal and a dance were to unfold at the Comfort Inn located in Black River Falls around 6pm (Mexican time).

To prepare myself for the occasion, *Native Report* surfed the internet to get some background information on the subject matter. It was quickly discovered that I had no idea how to spell Quinceanera. Google unveiled about seven hundred different kinds of Mexican dances

spanning three distinct eras; pre-Hispanic, the period of conquest, and modern Mexican dances. Out of that list I could find no name that even came remotely close to my search topic.

Fortunately, Willa Red Cloud was sitting at her desk in the justice department and she soon found the correct spelling for me (I had day or two earlier overheard her talking excitedly about the upcoming event). After typing in the correct spelling, Google was still of no help. Leaning back in my chair and feeling some heartburn coming on, I said a short prayer. "God help me."

Saturday rolled around. Roni (my chauffeur and personal secretary) and I motovated to Alma Center. We were decked out in our finest attire, as this was to be a very special occasion. Entering the church we discovered the prayer service was already under way. As we made tracks down the aisle, daga Norman ushered us to where he was sitting.

After a brief musical number the padre began to speak, saying that for those in the congregation unfamiliar with the term, Quinceanera, it was a celebration dating

back to the sixteenth century in Latin American wherein young girls turning fifteen (becoming of age) were consecrated unto the Virgin Mary to keep the young ladies pure and undefiled.

I was busy writing all this down in my news reporter notebook when suddenly the padre broke out the Spanish tongue. I stopped writing as I had no idea what was being said. While the padre continued to baffle me, daga Norman leaned over to Roni and said, "Tell him to write THAT down." I don't know how acceptable it is to laugh out loud in a Catholic Church when a prayer service is in full swing but I couldn't help myself.

Later that evening when we arrived at the Comfort Inn, I had expected somebody to throw a hat down on the dance floor. It never happened. I did, however, see a piñata. The reason why I saw it was because my sister, Robin Payer, handed it to me and asked me to put it over there by the cake.

The family requested my daga Norman to render a prayer over the food and before he prayed he gave a little speech. One of the things he touched on was the menu.



A tiara is often times an accessory of a Quinceanera.

To be served was sheep.

Apparently he was there when the sheep was being cooked and processed. He described a large kettle of meat with a bunch of bones that were being removed. He said that as he was digging through the kettle and removing bones he pulled out a long straight one and asked "What part of the sheep did this come from?" Everybody at the Comfort Inn broke out in laughter.

All in all, it was a memorable and fun occasion. Happy Birthday my little sister Angelica Rodriguez and may all your days be as bright and pure as your Quinceanera promises they will be.

Night of Remembrance 2012

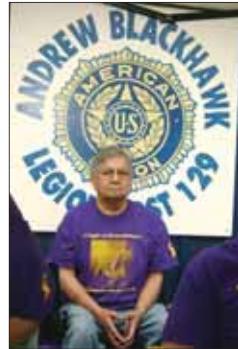
Submitted by Louise Voss, Community Health Educator

On May 25th the Ho-Chunk Cancer Task Force and the Journey Forward Cancer Support Group hosted the annual Night of Remembrance at the Black River Falls Powwow Grounds. An estimated number of 155 people came out to walk for family and friends who have cancer or who have walked on from cancer.

All proceeds from the luminary and raffle sales went to the Cancer Closet which is used to help Ho-Chunk cancer patients with unmet

needs that are not covered by insurance. A special thanks goes to those groups and individuals who helped this event be such a success. Just to name a few, Michael Rave and Administration for allowing us to use the Powwow Grounds. Mr. Elliot Kolner for offering a prayer for the food and the event, Denis and Joyce Rockman from Rockman Entertainment for being our DJ and MC and keeping our walkers awake and entertained throughout the night, Maynard Rave Jr. for providing us with drums for our program, Wisconsin Winnebago United Church of Christ for providing us with such a delicious meal, Jackson County Correctional Institute for providing the beautiful afghans which were given to cancer survivors and their families, and a large thank you to the Native American Tobacco Network and GLITC for awarding us the grant and the means to put this whole event together.

A final thank you to all the people who volunteered their time to hand out t-shirts, register people, sell luminaries, set up the luminaries, serve food, set up equipment, clean up after the event, and everything else in between. Thank You and we look forward to next year.



Earl Blackdeer, waiting to fill luminary bags.

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For more information, please contact Matt Underwood at
Matt.Underwood@ho-chunk.com or call 920-288-2010.



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June 19, 2012 (Tuesday) • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tribal Office Complex – Department of Labor

Conference Room

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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715-284-5877

2012 WIC Schedule

WIC Month	Wisconsin Dells	Nekoosa	Black River Falls	Black River Falls Pick-Up
January	19 th	12 th	4 th	5 th
February	16 th	9 th	1 st	2 nd
March	15 th	8 th	7 th	8 th
April	25 th	12 th	4 th	5 th
May	17 th	10 th	3 rd	3 rd
June	21 st	14 th	6 th	7 th
July	19 th	12 th	3 rd	5 th
August	16 th	9 th	1 st	2 nd
September	20 th	13 th	5 th	6 th
October	18 th	11 th	3 rd	4 th
November	15 th	8 th	7 th	8 th
December	20 th	13 th	5 th	6 th

Wisconsin Dells Area Location: House of Wellness

Nekoosa Area Location: Nekoosa Health Office in the Community Building
❖ For an appointment in WI Dells or Nekoosa call Candice at (715) 886-5444 ext:8760

Black River Falls Area Location: Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
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1. Members residing in an HMO service area receive an HMO enrollment packet. The packet has an enrollment form, a list of available HMO's, instructions on how to choose an HMO and how to find out if a provider is affiliated with an HMO. It is at this time that the Native American member can choose to opt out of the HMO selection and select the **Native Option** by calling the **Enrollment Specialist at 1-800-291-2002**. They must state in the request that 1) They are Native American and 2) they wish to opt out of the HMO group and are selecting the **Native Option** 3) they need to specify the **whole family group**: otherwise it will just be the member who is calling that will receive the option.
2. If the member does not choose an HMO within two weeks of receiving the enrollment packet, he/she receives a reminder card.
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Date	Location	Time
June 19	BRF Sand Pillow Community Bld	9:30am-12:00
June 19	BRF Indian Mission/Old Food Distribution	1:30pm-4:00pm
June 21	Wittenberg Health Office	11:00am-2:00pm
June 26	Tonah Blue Wing Community Bld	9:30am-12:00
June 26	Nekoosa Community	2:30pm-4:30pm
June 28	Ho-Chunk Village/HOW	10:00am-1:00pm
June 28	Winnebago Heights/TAU Parking lot	2:30pm-4:30pm

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16th Annual Littlejohn Memorial

The Littlejohns' hosted the event held at Hokah, MN at the Valley High Golf Course. Greg Littlejohn and Ed Littlejohn, Jr. were the mc's for the afternoon.

Sixteen teams participated in the event. Two youth participated in this event. The weather was excellent-a good day for golfing.



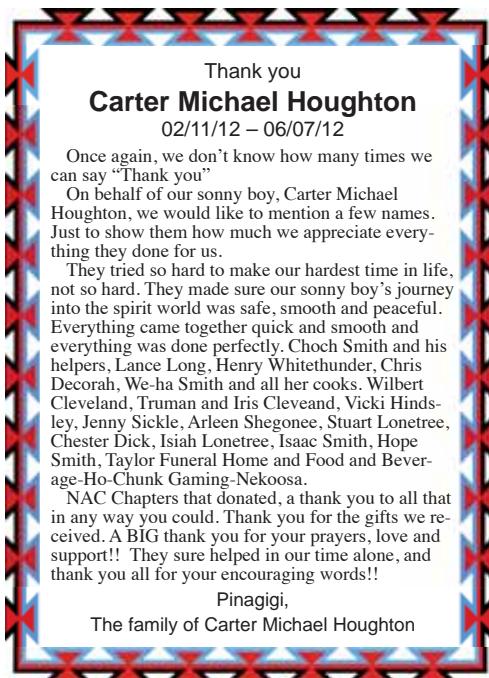
Rylan Greendeer, Carole Lastrup, Al Barton winners of the 16th Annual Littlejohn Memorial.



Adonia Casarez

Happy 4th Birthday
to our
precious babygirl!!!

Love, Dad, Mom, Sissy & Sugi



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Veterans Home Ownership

grant were not being met. So funding for the Veterans Affairs Office was cut because they were not living up to the grant. Then in 2002, at the General Council meeting, there was a resolution to reinstate the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Office. At that time, I asked why? It seems like veterans are not valued within the Ho-

Chunk Nation. Veterans are like tug of war on the political football field."

The goals of the Veterans Home Ownership Program are to provide housing to honorably discharged Ho-Chunk Nation tribal veterans, to raise their standard of living, stimulate pride in home ownership, and ensure fairness in its



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For more information contact Katie Funmaker at (800) 294-9343 ext. 1123



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guidelines. Applicants must not have a debt to the Ho-Chunk Nation, must be able to financially able to pay for taxes, insurance, and escrow. Applicants cannot have previously received or inherited a Windfall home, HOP home, or a mortgage through HOP, HHCDA, or any other tribal entity. Applicants will be ranked and scored, with the most needy to receive priority. The policy addresses: Selection

and Approval Process, Home Ownership Plans, Financing Terms and Conditions, Existing Home Purchase, and provide Definitions of the policy for applicants. The program will be reviewed annually and any changes to the policy will require approval of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.

Winneshiek said, "After the Legislature approves the policy, it'll be posted for 45 day review. That's where

public comment can be made. At the next meeting, they'll be going over job descriptions. They have to post for an Accountant, Contractors, Inspectors, and Builders. They'll have to hire for four or five positions." The committee is always looking for more insight into the policy. Anwash said, "Everybody can give input. The more we get the better it'll be."

Eunice Mallory and her graduation sashes

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

It seems like only three years ago when the Black River Falls School District disallowed American Indian students the ability to dress up their gowns or decorate their caps with American Indian symbols. There were calls placed, principals bothered and temperatures raised by those who had a stake in the debate for individual or collective cultural freedom. Just how far can Ho-Chunk people push his or her weight around was the question.

There was intent to make sure the graduation ceremony of Black River Falls School District remained traditional black with no add-ons from any diverse background period. It was said the school district didn't want to give anyone the idea that certain

groups had a preference to do what they wanted, whenever they wanted, for whatever purpose. Some Ho-Chunks were fine by this sentiment, while others roasted with sovereignty and Indian education questions. Individual students protested and put on designs they claimed were a part of their heritage.

Now, unveiled for her second season, Eunice Mallory has designed a Ho-Chunk appliqué honorarium sash for the class of 2012. These were originally introduced last year as a gift to her grandson. Then all the parents wanted one for their students as well. The parents of the JOM Parent Committee and Title VII were able to pick up the tab for material and labor costs. Mallory said, "Last year, I had a grandson

graduating. I felt it was the proudest Gaga. He was my second grandson I got to see get his diploma. I felt Mauna has blessed me so I could see such a memorable event, and a great achievement. I told my daughter, I want him to look sharp when he walks. Let's bead his cap or put appliqué on his gown."

Eunice was again approached this year to do the same. She felt honored by the sentiment. This year she gave a speech about how she constructed the sash and the meaning behind every stitch. "My daughter reminded me of what my Cuwi would say, 'How proud I would be of myself, if I did it by hand.'" Eunice went on to describe how each stitch has meaning for her. Each stitch describes each student's steps in life through head start,



BRF Graduates sporting sashes (L-R Back Row) Amber Blackdeer, Nathan Bird, Isaac Pettibone, Skylar Whitegull, Jaron Thompson, Margarita Hernandez, Victor Deluna (L-R Front Row) Tabitha Tsoddle, Bryanna Edwards, Allyson Funmaker, Olivia Rave.



Eunice Mallory streams tears of pride and joy for the 2012 BRF H.S. Graduates.

elementary, middle and finally high school.

Eunice stood next to the grandstand on graduation Sunday with tears of joy streaming. She saw the sashes she made handsomely appropriate for a dozen students. As the students' names were called one by one, she felt the pride every parent feels on graduation day. "...I looked at the pattern and seen a beautiful butterfly. Now each of you will start your new life with new adventures and you will spread your own wings," she told the students during her speech.

It's interesting to note the President of the United States, Barack Obama, wrote an executive order to assist American Indian students with issues like this one regarding cultural expression. There are still many schools that don't allow students to represent their culture even though they may live in two worlds. It was nice to see all the joy the parents had for their students. Many students expressed how they now want to go further with their education at many graduation dinners afterwards and thanked everyone for supporting them.

H.A.G.A. - River Bend Big Cup

Submitted by
Larry Littlegeorge

It was the best of shots and it was the worst of shots, which is how Charles Dickens would have describe the shots for the day - so was the theme for the HAGA (Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association) at the River Bend Golf Course on May 26th.

Fifty four golfers and two youth were in attendance. The weather was cloudy with

rain in the forecast. With the clouds looming over head golfing got started around 10 AM.

Tracy Thundercloud served as host and thirteen teams were drawn to compete again for championship honors and various flag events. We would like to especially recognize and thank Tracy for making this event fun and challenging.



Taking first place in the event were: Tom Myher, Greg Littlejohn, Donald Greengrass, Kerry Funmaker.